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Dead 'dogs' now called wild animals

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

PONTIAC BEACH — The more than 20 skinned animal carcasses that were first believed to be dogs when found Thursday were tentatively re-identified Monday as wild animals.

The skinned animal bodies were found by a fisherman in a slough beside State Aid 35, near Illinois 111.

A spokesman from the Illinois State Police said he was satisfied with the identification, made by two members of the Nameoki Township Highway Department, that the bodies were those of "foxes, raccoons, muskrats and whatever."

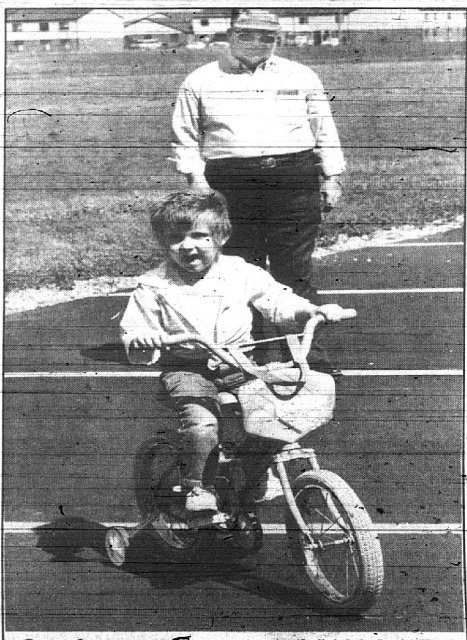
The Illinois Department of Transportation was scheduled to pick up and bury the animals Tuesday, State Police said.

At the scene Monday, Nameoki Township Supervisor Harry A. Briggs said, after looking at the bodies, he was unable to judge whether or not the bodies were dogs. He then asked for the assistance of two highway workers who were trappers.

"If these guys say they're wild animals, then you've got to believe them," Briggs said. "I'm glad that there's no cult and these are not dogs."

State Police had initially suspected the killings were possibly the result of a sacrifice by an unnamed cult. A State Police spokesman said it had information that a cult existed that sacrificed dogs on a date near Easter and followed the dogs with a human sacrifice a week or so later.

"We should have sent someone expert last week and avoided this," the spokesman said.



Out for a spin

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)
TAKING IT EASY: Three-year-old Lindsay Schinker takes a ride on her bike Monday afternoon, occasionally needing a push by her grandfather, Charles Scanlon.

New coroner fee system instituted

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke will institute new fees this week for services provided by her office.

Burke decided to begin the fees after discussions March 31 with members of the County Board's finance committee.

The fees are authorized by state law but were not previously charged. The changes follow an opinion by Assistant State's Attorney Nelson Metz that all fees collected by the office for copies of documents should be turned over to the county treasurer.

Burke had retained the fees to reimburse herself for coroners' expenses incurred in connection with their duties.

Burke's opponent in the recent Democratic primary election, Robert Thomas, charged that the practice was illegal. Burke won nomination for re-election.

Metz first issued an opinion that the office could retain the fees, as long as careful records were kept and all balances were turned over to the treasurer.

After additional research, however, Metz said all fees should be turned over to the treasurer.

Metz said the statutes regarding such fees are inconsistent and ambiguous and that Burke's belief that her procedures were proper was "quite understandable."

Burke said she will charge \$3 per page for copies of transcripts of inquests, \$30 for a copy of an autopsy report, \$15 for a copy of a toxicology report and \$5 for a copy of an inquest verdict.

She said coroners in most Illinois counties charge the fees. Previously, the only fee charged by the office was \$2 per page for copies of inquest documents.

Reviews and previews

Free food to be cut

Local agencies that distribute government surplus food commodities have experienced few allotment cutbacks so far and one Madison County official said he thinks reports of the program's curtailment might be premature. Larry Darr, director of the Madison County Emergency Services, said the Illinois Department of Public Aid had cut allotments of dry milk by half in February but that milk and cheese would remain at current levels through June. A federal government report states the supplies are dwindling.

Fate of churches still unknown

The fate of two Catholic churches and the Sacred-Heart-St. Joseph School probably wouldn't be known until April 15, pastors said last week. Bishop Daniel Ryan is expected to approve the pastors' plan to consolidate St. Joseph, Sacred Heart and St. Margaret-Mary Catholic churches and close one of those parishes' two schools.

AIDS curriculum gets approval

A curriculum for AIDS education has been approved by the Granite City Board of Education. Venice and Madison school boards are expected to approve similar curriculums this month. The curriculum is designed to teach children how to protect themselves from contracting AIDS and to alleviate fears about the disease.

50 years ago

Thursday, April 7, 1938

Steel men report rumors that one of the blast furnaces at the Coke Plant has been bought for a Japanese concern and will be shipped to that country. The rumor is considered plausible and well-founded. If the sale has not already taken place, it is likely to be effected very soon.

Tell it like it is

Q: Do you think a ban on new mobile homes in Granite City should be lifted?

Sandra Hahn

"I think the ban should be lifted because we have a right to land of our own. We pay taxes also. It's really frustrating. They act like we have the plague. We're quite proud of our mobile home."

—Park Towne West

Ronald Boyd

"I am definitely against any more mobile homes in Granite City. I have two next to me, and I don't want any more."

Betsy Schultz

"I most certainly think the ban ought to be lifted. There are a lot of people who have to live in trailer parks, because they can't afford to buy a home, where they might be able to afford a lot on which to put a decent trailer."

—Warren Avenue

NEXT WEEK Do you think television preachers should have to account for the money they collect?

To record your answer, phone 452-0222 between 5:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily. Leave your name, address and phone number for verification.

Quote of the week

"They might as well pass prohibition rather than lowering the DUI level," said Alton Police Chief Donald Sandig about a bill in the Illinois House of Representatives to lower by half the blood alcohol content necessary to convict a person of drunken driving. "People are going to have to quit drinking, because if they drink, they are going to be over .05 percent."

Tip of the hat



Shaun Rhodebeck

Shaun's friends

When 6-year-old Shaun Rhodebeck needed financial help for yet another series of operations to correct a rare and life-threatening condition of the colon, four local Good Samaritans responded. The four who organized an April 2 fund-raiser dance to aid the child were Greg Nighohossian, Granite City paramedic-firefighter; Chris Stickler, technician at St. Elizabeth Medical Center; Marty Gaddy, a clerk at Shop and Save; and John Miller, Granite City firefighter.

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Light-rail funding proposal hits snag

By Roger McGrath
Staff affiliate

PONTIAC BEACH — Funding for St. Louis' proposed light-rail system has hit at least a snag in Madison County, where the county's transit district will not agree to subsidize costs associated with the operation of light rail, a transit official says.

A three-year contract with the Bi-State Development Agency stipulates that the district will subsidize only those bus operations it specifically requests, managing director Jerry Kane said Monday.

That district's subsidy to Bi-State is expected to total about \$35 million a year indefinitely, he said, adding that the money would be spent for bus services.

Bi-State last month asked the district to sign a letter pledging continued financing of a bus and light rail transit system.

The federal government has said Bi-State must get such agreements for "stable and reliable sources of funds" from four local jurisdictions before Washington will agree to provide \$287 million in construction funds for the Metro Link light-rail system.

'Bi-State can work it out any way they want with the people who pay their bills.'

—Jerry Kane

The jurisdictions are the Madison and St. Clair county transit districts in Illinois, and the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County in Missouri.

Metro Link, the proposed 18-mile light-rail system that would connect East St. Louis with Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, would not directly serve Madison County.

Signing the letter "does not require more money from Madison County," said R. Raleigh D'Adamo, Bi-State executive director. "The intent of the letter is to codify what is in existence already."

But Kane said, "We have no problem operating the transit system as it exists today. We want to make sure our transit system isn't jeopardized at the expense of light rail. Light rail (deficits) will mean cutting bus lines."

Madison County's contract with Bi-State calls for "buses only," the phrase is underlined, Kane said — and includes a clause prohibiting the district from being assessed any costs associated with Metro Link.

Kane said the district will endorse a letter reiterating the contract language, adding, "Our position is no way jeopardizes light rail."

A spokesman for the Urban Mass Transit Administration, the federal agency which oversees light-rail projects, said Bi-State must show sources of funding for the bus/light-rail transit system.

"Bi-State can work it out any way they want with the people who pay their bills," he said Monday.

The St. Clair County Transit District will not address the

funding letter until later this month.

St. Louis County has not yet agreed to a Bi-State proposal that the county pay Bi-State \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the City of St. Louis. The decision has been delayed until the transportation commission has a chance to study a Bi-State analysis of the agency's operating costs. Bi-State is expected to send the report to the county April 8.

Some county officials, including County Executive Gene McGlynn, have questioned the economic feasibility of Metro Link.

The county now has an annual cap of \$30 million on its subsidy to Bi-State. The city's subsidy is in excess of \$17 million.

D'Adamo says he hopes to have all the funding letters signed by the end of April, including an agreement with officials in Madison County.

On Monday, Tom Purcell, chairman of the agency's Metro Link committee, instructed attorney John Fox Arnold to work with the four jurisdictions to speed agreement.

St. Louis 2nd to LA

WASHINGTON — St. Louis firms did more business with the federal government than those in all but one other American community last year, statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau reveal.

St. Louis firms received contracts valued at \$5.5 billion in 1987, making the city second to Los Angeles County, Calif., in terms of federal purchasing. All but about \$129 million of the spending was for contracts between the Defense Department and companies such as St. Louis-based McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General Dynamics.

Overall, government agencies last year spent \$7.7 billion in the city — and nearly \$2 billion in St. Louis County — for everything from military hardware to sewer improvements, and from infant formula to paratrooper pension checks.

Missouri, with \$4.128 in federal spending per resident last year, ranked ninth among the states in terms of federal dollars spent per person.

Review board continuing court probe

By Bill Milligan
Staff writer

CAHOKIA — The Illinois Judicial Review Board will discuss alleged misconduct by Judge Charles Hamilton in the 20th Judicial Circuit at a meeting in Chicago on Friday.

The discussion will be a continuation of one that began at the board's meeting March 11.

The board indicated it had completed its investigation Feb. 29, but Lamont Fugh, an investigator for the board, said last week he would interview more people.

Among those he is speaking with is Belleville attorney Charles Hamilton. In a letter to several area newspapers Jan. 20, Hamilton alleged St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello controls selection of judges by the 20th Circuit.

The 20th Judicial Circuit includes St. Clair, Monroe, Perry, Washington and Randolph counties.

The allegations were supported by Randolph County Circuit Judge Carl Becker two days after the letter was published. Becker said he believed Costello

attempted to control judicial appointments from "Springfield to the Ohio River."

Becker, a Democrat, ran unsuccessfully March 15 for an Illinois Supreme Court nomination.

Fugh also attempted to contact Belleville attorney Robert McGlynn. McGlynn organized a letter that supported Hamilton and called for the board investigation to be signed by 46 area attorneys.

Costello has called the allegations absurd. He is running for the 21st Congressional District seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Mel Price, D-Belleville.

Costello was interviewed by board investigators in February. Costello spokesman Terry Beach said last week that no further contact had occurred between him and the investigative board.

Chief Circuit Judge Stephen Pugh spent Feb. 2 through Feb. 5 in Belleville conducting interviews.

Kernan said March 30 he had not been contacted since Pugh's last visit.

East St. Louis attorney Rex

Quad City Community cleanup day April 16

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Businesses, industries, schools and individuals are being asked to participate in a Quad City area cleanup campaign scheduled to start Saturday, April 16, and continue through Saturday, April 20.

"Community pride" is being called the key to the traditional area-wide cleanup, sponsored annually by the Community Betterment Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

During the same time period, the City Pride Committee of Granite City also hopes to complete a beautification project at Bellemeade Village Shopping Center. And Granite City Realty Board members will dedicate their efforts to Private Property Cleanup Week, said Mary

Brown, Community Betterment Committee chairman. Hundreds of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will begin the campaign April 16 with their annual "Trash trash" event.

The Scouts will be joined by members of Granite City High School's National Honor Society and Student Council members, plus student groups from the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College.

Personnel at the St. Louis Area Support Center (former Army Depot) will clear debris from the grassy area along the installation's fence line on Illinois 3.

Trash bags for the project will be provided by McDonald's Restaurants. The company also will present gift coupons to the youthful volunteers for free french fries.

Walter Milton of Pepsi Cola

Botting Co., Alton, has arranged for free soft drinks for the youngsters and their adult leaders.

"We've had really good cooperation each year from the city street departments and the Illinois Department of Transportation, which collect the trash bags filled with debris from along the highway and at other areas," Brown said.

Third grade students in Quad City area schools are competing in a "Trash trash" poster coloring contest in conjunction with the cleanup campaign.

Poster outlines sketched by Cynthia Douglas showing Pac-Man and Winky stashing trash were distributed to the children through local schools by the Chamber.

The completed posters are being collected this week for judging, Brown said.

Campbell Ambulance Service purchases Springfield company

Campbell Ambulance Service Inc. President Roger D. Campbell has announced the firm has purchased Superior Ambulance Co. Inc.

Superior's home offices are in Springfield, Ill., and the takeover has been tentatively planned for April 11. Superior presently operates 23 ambulances and med-cars in Springfield, Jacksonville, Pekin, Peoria and Canton, Ill.

Campbell Ambulance Service serves Centralia, Alton, Granite City, Madison and Salem, with its home offices in Centralia. Campbell's operates 16 ambulances and provides advanced life support (paramedic) services to all of its communities,

as does Superior in Springfield.

Roger Campbell said, "With this acquisition of Superior the Campbell Group will be the largest provider of ambulance and related services in Illinois. This will enable us to continue to provide the highest quality of service available at an affordable cost. It will also enable us to better serve the public through centralized services and dispatching."

The Superior operation will continue to operate as Superior Ambulance Service, with little or no changes anticipated. All management and personnel will be retained and the phone numbers and services will remain as before.

Bus line buys coach company

CASEYVILLE — Vandalia Bus Lines President Leon Streif announced that effective April 1, the company is taking over the operation of Bellemeade-St. Louis Coach and the Gray-Line franchise.

Streif said, "We are pleased to have expanded our operation. This addition will give the opportunity to increase our service to the bi-state area."

The new company will operate as a subsidiary of Vandalia Lines. The phone numbers will not change, but all correspondence is to be sent to 312 W. Morris St., Caseyville, Ill., 62232. Streif resides in Granite City.

Head Start registration April 11-15

The Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association's Project Head Start is currently conducting its annual recruitment of children who live in Madison County for the 1988-89 program year.

Head Start is a comprehensive service delivery program for low-income children and their parents who will be four years old by Sept. 1, 1988.

Applications for enrollment will be accepted starting April 11 and continuing to April 15 at the following locations:

School, 2100 Editor Ave., 877-2102 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).
Madison/Venice: Venice Grade School, 7th Street and Broadway, Venice, 877-2097 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Programs also are operated in Alton, East Alton, Caseyville and Collinsville.

At the time of registration, parents are to bring:
• Proof of parent's income.
• Proof of child's age.
• Child's shot record.
• Parent's Social Security number.
• Two emergency contacts.

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p.m., a diabetes nurse educator will give an overview of diabetes, including symptoms, complications, management, exercise, stress and blood glucose monitoring.

the medications used in diabetes, including both insulin and oral antidiabetic agents.

For more information or to make reservations for the classes call the Education Resources Department, 798-3256. All classes are in the 3-Doctors classroom.

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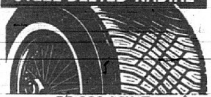
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P205/75R14	51.25
P215/75R14	52.25
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P215/75R15	54.25
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Mary Brown leads Girl Scout Council

Mary Brown of Granite City has been elected president of the board of directors of the River Bluffs Girl Scout Council.

Her adult involvement in Girl Scouting began as a troop leader for her daughter's troop in 1973. She went on to serve as troop organizer and then neighborhood chairman, district chairman, and board member from 1980 to 1986.

She has also served on the finance committee, council nominating committee, Gold Award committee, and delegate to National Girl Scout Council meetings.

Brown is active in her community as a board member of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and chairman of its community betterment committee, and serves on the communication committee of the Tri-Cities Area United Way.

Assisting Brown as first vice president will be Ann Lazerson, Edwardsville; second vice president, Christine Lay, Belleville; third vice president, Mary Maier, Edwardsville; secretary, Tanya Robinson, East St. Louis; and treasurer, Ronald Winney, Collinsville.

Local volunteers honored for service included neighborhood chairmen—Anna Potts, Madison;



MARY BROWN

son/Venice, and Sheryl Livesay and Sylvia Molski, Granite City. Kathy Suss was recognized for her service on the day camp task force.

The President's Award was presented to the Madison/Venice neighborhood for meeting its membership goal, retaining 75 percent of troop leaders, and forming a service team that reflects the diversity of the neighborhood.

Benefit run for Hospice

The Junior Service Club of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon is sponsoring a five-kilometer benefit run for Hospice of Madison County, Granite City, to be held on Saturday, April 9. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the YMCA of Edwardsville in the ESIC subdivision, Edwardsville.

The start/finish line is on the YMCA main complex parking lot, 11200 ESIC Drive, off Illinois 157. All proceeds will be donated to Hospice of Madison County.

Immediately following the 5K run, there will be a one-mile fun run/walk-around the ESIC subdivision. All fun run/walk finishers will receive a ribbon and their time as they finish.

U.S.A. Athletics, the Edwardsville running club which is managing the benefit run for the Junior Service Club, announced that the run is a dead-flat, out and back course, winding through the ESIC subdivision.

Overall winners will receive trophies. Special awards will be presented to the top three finishers within each of nine age groups. Age groups for both men and women are: 19 and under,

20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. Team awards will be given to three categories—male, female, and mixed.

Winners will be decided by the combined times of the three team members. Team members must be from the same registered track club, same service organization, or single corporate team.

Hospice of Madison County, a department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, provides home care for the terminally ill in Madison County and areas in the surrounding counties.

Physical, emotional, social and spiritual support are given to patients and their families by an interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers.

Hospice of Madison County is licensed by Illinois as a full-service hospice program, accredited for quality of care by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH), and certified to offer hospice benefits to Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Filing extensions available

If you are unable to file your 1987 income tax return by April 15, you can receive an automatic four-month extension of time to file, the Internal Revenue Service reports.

Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File, is available from the IRS, and must be postmarked by midnight April 15, 1988.

Persons who file for an extension will have until Aug. 15 to

file the Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ individual income tax return.

The IRS emphasizes that the extension of time to file does not extend the time to pay taxes. Persons who file for an extension must pay any unpaid portion of their tax along with the Form 4868.

Form 4868 is available at any IRS office or can be ordered by calling, toll free, 800-424-3676.

Academy to honor John Sikora

AURORA — More than 200 teachers around the state, including John Sikora of Granite City, will be honored by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy with the first "IMSA Award of Excellence."

The award was created to recognize individuals who are committed to standards of academic excellence that foster student achievement and success.

Each teacher was nominated by a former student, now at IMSA, as having had the greatest impact on his or her academic career.

"Our students have unique talents and gifts," says the IMSA director, Dr. Stephanie Marshall. However, we recognize that our gifted students would not be where they are today without the caring, the assistance and the dedication of teachers in their home districts who nurtured and developed those talents."

The teachers will be honored by their former students and IMSA faculty at an April 22 open house, starting at 1 p.m.

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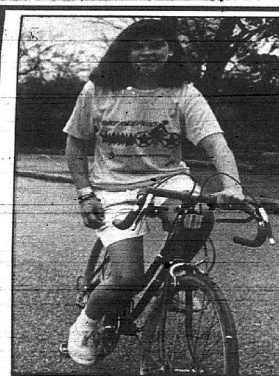
16th Annual

BIKE RIDE PLUS

(Formerly Bike-A-Thon)

Saturday, May 7, 1988

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Carrie Wingate, winner of last year's Diabetes Bike-A-Thon, raised \$2,500.75 for programs of the American Diabetes Association. She is 15 years old and a camper at the St. Louis Camp for Children with Diabetes.

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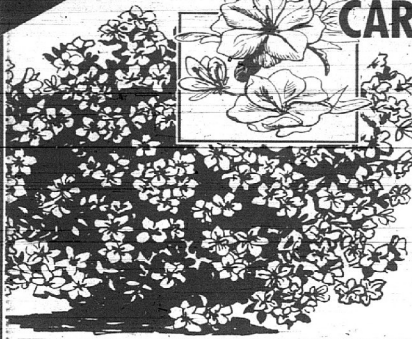
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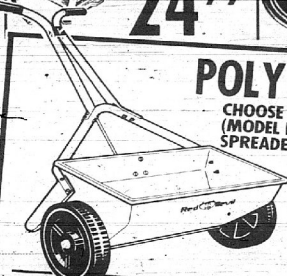
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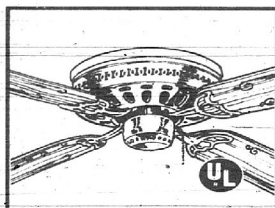
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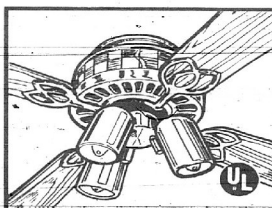


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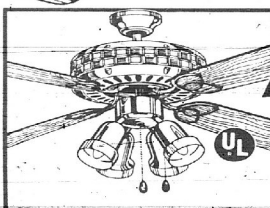


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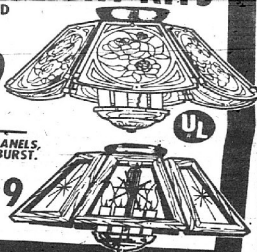
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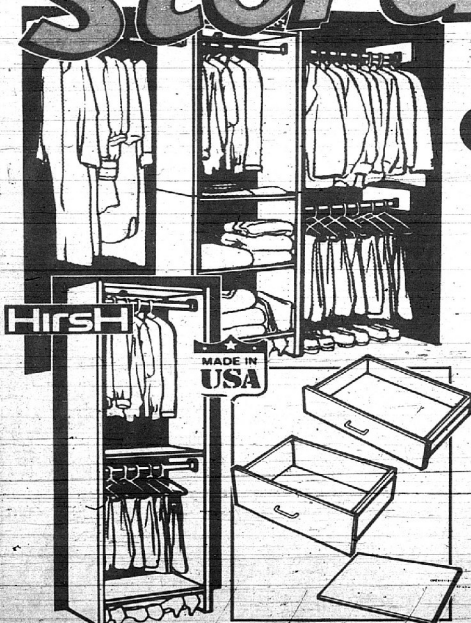
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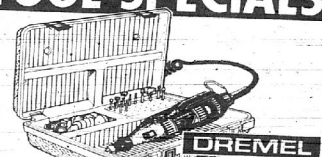
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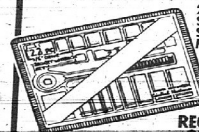
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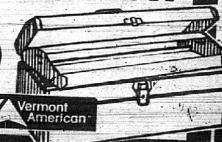
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Planning essential for property renovations

Renovating and modernizing older buildings has achieved new levels of popularity in today's real estate market.

Not every building, however, is an ideal candidate for renovation. Before beginning any renovation project, property owners and managers must carefully study their plans to determine if their building is worth the effort, according to a real estate professional.

"There are certain steps that the property manager can take to evaluate the problem of whether the property is worth renovating and to accomplish a major remodeling project," said Irene T. Eshleman, director of property management, Northwest Division, for DeSantis Property Management Co., Columbus, Ohio. "Determining which distressed properties to purchase and which to rehabilitate is not an exact science."

She outlined four criteria that can help owners determine if their building is worth renovating: the location of the property; the building's potential market; the initial condition of the building; and the enhancement fac-

tor, or the possibility of increasing the number of rentable units and the rent structure.

"The location of the distressed property will play a major role in determining the success of any renovation project," Eshleman said. "In an area with a strong demand for specific property, a renovation of property in this category may be indicated."

If the location looks good, a thorough market analysis is the property manager's next step. This analysis will identify prospective tenants and determine acceptable rent levels.

"The third step in the renovation process is to conduct a cost analysis to estimate the total rehabilitation costs and to conclude whether or not the total cost will be supported by the proposed rents," Carr said. "Generally, we have found that if the proposed rent structure supports a minimum of 13.4 percent of the proposed rents, then renovation is considered feasible."

The political climate of the area is also a consideration at this stage, Eshleman said. If the community's zoning board is not in favor of rehab projects, or if

the market's building codes are too strict, any rehab attempt may prove too costly.

Eshleman also emphasized that cost estimates must be accurate if the rehab project is to succeed. She encouraged property managers to select reliable contractors to determine the scope of the project.

"Some major systems such as heating, electrical and plumbing can be easily improved, even if they are severely outdated," she said. "Kitchens and bathrooms often need new appliances and fixtures, but these are easy to install and their cost will be recovered through increased rents."

Although some systems are easy and inexpensive to replace, she warned, the building's overall structure must be sound, or a rehabilitation project would be too costly.

"Again, this is not an exact science, but we have found that if a property can be brought back to a rentable condition for

under three times the purchase price of the building, then renovation is feasible," she said.

The final step of Eshleman's renovation process is the enhancement factor, which involves increasing the number of rentable units and the rent structure.

"As long as you are not venturing too far from the structure's original use, the rehab will be less complicated," Eshleman said.

For instance, a four-bedroom house can easily be renovated into a rooming house with shared kitchen and bath facilities. However, converting a rooming house into a four-unit apartment can be cost prohibitive.

Despite the planning and work involved in renovation, Eshleman said, renovation is worth the trouble.

"Proper remodeling and substantial marketing techniques enable the owners to take a distressed, vacant property and create legitimate economic value, justifying the cost of remodeling," she said. "This process benefits not only the investor, but the community at large."

Laureate Alpha tests word savvy

The last two meetings of Laureate Alpha Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, conducted by President Arlene Halderman, were held in the homes of Pat Tsigolouris and Lora Lombardi, respectively.

Several letters from the international office were read at those meetings. One concerned various sponsored funds that benefit members, their families and charities. It was voted that a donation would be forwarded to the Endowment Fund. Another letter stated a new degree, the master's degree, which may

be conferred to members who have held the laureate degree for 10 years.

Ruth Stoyanoff presented a cultural program. Members were asked to read commonly mispronounced words and then give the correct pronunciation.

For her program, Evelyn Toliver tested the savvy of members on words commonly used in home and car repairs.

A dessert course was served to those mentioned above and Imogene Forrest, Dolores Byrnes, Martha Dyer, Juanita Calve and guest Jane Stevens.

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Obituaries

Harold Eggemeyer

Harold W. Eggemeyer, 76, 2520 Center St., died at 11:18 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 1988, at Colonial Haven Nursing Home. He had been ill for three weeks and in the nursing home for two weeks.

Born Sept. 26, 1911, in Illinois, Mr. Eggemeyer resided in Granite City for 41 years.

He was employed as a truck driver for the Tri-City Grocery Co. for 46 years, retiring in 1975.

Mr. Eggemeyer was a Lutheran. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 and Teamsters Local 525.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie (Drecks) Eggemeyer; a daughter, Mrs. Lorens (Sharon) Aleksandrian, Granite City; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., with the Rev. Edwin Wilkins officiating. Burial took place at Ellis Grove (Ill.) Cemetery.

Carr

Norene (Sansouci) Carr, 65, Granite City, died at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3, 1988, at her home. She had been ill for four months.

Born Feb. 24, 1923, in Mountain View, Mo., Mrs. Carr resided in Granite City for 26 years.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Carr, to whom she was married for 25 years; two daughters, Mrs. Lester (Jean) Chowning, O'Fallon, Mo., and Susan Fowler, Granite City; a son, Kevin Carr, Granite City; three brothers, Fred Sansouci, Colorado, Herman Sansouci, Mountain View, and Wayne Sansouci, Montier, Mo.; two stepsons, Ronald Eugene Carr and Richard Preston Carr, both of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, with funeral services conducted at the Thomas Chapel on Tuesday. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Evans

Stanley Evans, 89, Clinton, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 9:15 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 1988, at Crestview Nursing Home in Clinton.

Born in Miller County, Mo., Mr. Evans resided in Granite City most of his life, moving to Clinton in 1976. He was a Commonwealth Steel Plant pressman for 40 years until his retirement in 1962.

Mr. Evans was former member of the Granite City Elks Lodge and the United Steelworkers. He

was a Protestant.

He is survived by a son, James Evans, Clinton. He was preceded in death by a stepson, Warren Bilyeu, a brother, Billy Evans, and two sisters, Rosey Jeffery and Anna Brown. There are four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niederhagen Ave. Burial took place at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Jones

Lionie Jones, 25, 563 N. 24th St., East St. Louis, died of a gunshot wound Friday, March 25, 1988, at 2144 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where he was found in his car. A coroner's inquest is to be held.

Mr. Jones was born June 13, 1962, in St. Louis and was a lifelong resident of East St. Louis.

He is survived by his mother, Lenora Wilson, and stepfather, S.T. Wilson, East St. Louis; one son, Calvin Seay, East St. Louis; and one brother, Mitchell Attley, Madison.

Funeral services were held March 30 at the Officer Funeral Home Chapel, East St. Louis, with the Rev. R.F. Davis officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt.

Rohrman

Margaret (Merz) Rohrman, 77, a former local resident, died March 18, 1988, in Mount Prospect, Ill., after a short illness.

She was born in Granite City June 9, 1910, to Otto and Bertha Merz, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rohrman taught home economics at the former Central Junior High School in Granite City.

Survivors besides her husband, Austin Rohrman, include a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Martha) Sargel, Wellesley, Mass.; three brothers, Max Merz, Granite City, Albert Merz, Hemet, Calif., and Kurt Merz, Troy, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Charles (Hilda) Beck, Fenton, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Des Plaines, Ill., Methodist Church.

Graveside services were conducted at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Bill Cooper of the Troy Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be sent to Cotney College, Nevada, Mo.

\$26 million bridge work about to start

EAST ST. LOUIS — Construction to rehabilitate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge will begin Friday, April 15, Ronald Thompson has confirmed. He is chairman of the Downtown St. Louis-Mississippi River Bridges Panel appointed by the Illinois and Missouri governors.

The \$26,000,000 project, which will return the bridge to its original four lanes, is scheduled to be completed in June 1989.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will oversee the project. The department has developed traffic congestion abatement plans to minimize problems on both sides of the river during the construction.

The Bridges Panel was appointed in January 1986 by Governors John Ashcroft of Missouri and James Thompson of Illinois to make recommendations on river bridge crossings related to St. Louis.

"We concluded that problems involving the King Bridge were the most serious and should receive first priority," Thompson said.

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County keeps mum on use for sites on Purcell

By Scott Cousins
Staff affiliate

With an offer by the Madison County Board to purchase two parcels of property in downtown Edwardsville, it is becoming more and more apparent where the county is intending to build its new administration building.

At its March 16 meeting, the Board authorized an offer of \$40,000 for purchase of a building on Purcell Street and part of a parking lot on Second Street.

The building, located at 113-115 Purcell St., houses Blaquart Jewelers and Johnson's Draperies. The parking lot is currently being leased by the county. Both properties are owned by Diana and William E. Morris Jr.

According to James Monday, county administrator, the offer has been accepted but final details still have to be ironed out.

However, Mrs. Morris said the sale has not been finalized. She declined further comment.

Monday said the property was to be purchased "for future county use" but would not elaborate.

He said the purchase would be paid for out of the county's Capital Projects fund. Until the building is used by the county, he said, the practice would probably be to continue leases to local businesses.

For the past several years, the county has considered building an administration building, and in a special meeting March 21 the County Board approved an extra one-quarter cent sales tax, part of which would be used to finance the construction.

County officials have not named a site for the building. Businessman John Celuch, who owns one of the other buildings on Purcell Street, said it is apparent what the county plans to build the administration center next to the courthouse on Purcell.

"Their intentions are pretty clear," Celuch said. "But the ways they are going about doing it are strange."

"I wish they would make their intentions clear. 'Right a now

they're sneaking along, trying to buy property."

Celuch, whose business, Inland Designs, is at 105 Purcell, said he is becoming frustrated with the way the county is conducting itself.

"My thoughts on the whole thing keep changing, depending on what the county is doing."

He said that if the county is serious about buying sites on Purcell Street, it should bring all the property owners together and try to work something out.

He also complained that, although the city of Edwardsville and the Downtown Revitalization Committee are interested in the development of the administration building, there has been no dialogue with the county.

"They just lower the boom and don't bother to talk to taxpayers," he said.

Celuch said he attended the County Board's March 21 special meeting.

He said that at one point, County Administrator Monday was asked by a board member what kind of impact the new sales tax would have, and Monday could not answer immediately.

"It really scares me to think that these people are making important decisions," he added.

Celuch said he is not opposed to the county administration building, and would consider selling his building if a good enough offer was made.

He added that since October, the county has not communicated with him about it, and no official offer has been made.

"If I get the right offer, I'd consider it," he said. "But I've invested a lot of time and money in this building, and I bought the building with the intention of staying."

On March 25, developer Ralph Korte announced plans for a \$3 million office complex — Edwardsville Executive Plaza — across Main Street from the courthouse.

The project would include demolition of the Schwartz Building.

Rep. Hannig's House bill provides authority to permanently name fire protection areas

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois state fire marshal would be given permanent authority to assign areas to a fire protection district under a bill introduced by Rep. Gary Hannig, D-Bend.

Hannig introduced the bill at the request of Kenneth Long, president of the Godfrey Fire Protection District and legislative chairman of the Illinois Association of Fire Protection

Districts.

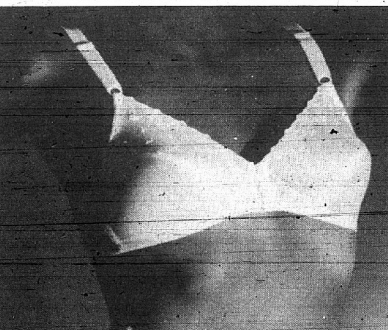
Hannig sponsored a bill two years ago at Long's request to assign for two years property that was not directly next to a fire protection district, provided the owners pay the going property tax rate.

The new bill proposes to make the assignments permanent, Long said.

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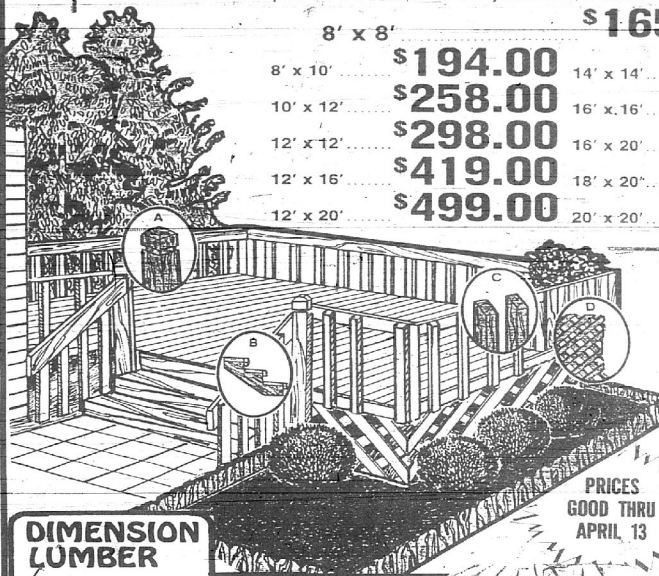
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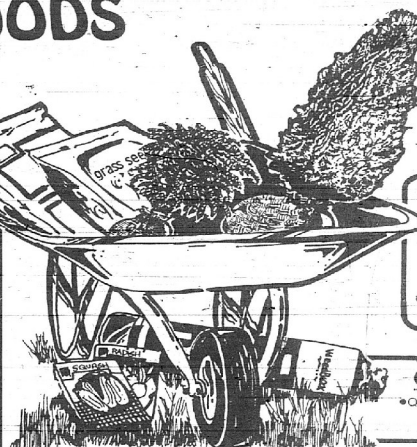
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Maxwell named to dean's list

David F. Maxwell, Granite City, has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter of the academic year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. Maxwell, son of Jean and Robert Maxwell, was among 404 undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

BAC transfers do well at SIUE

Belleville Area College transfer students are faring well at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. BAC transfers have a mean grade point average of 2.55 (on a 5.0 scale), compared to 3.50 for those students who spend their first two years at SIUE.

Kozyak joins sorority

Missy Kozyak, the daughter of Matthew and Sandra Kozyak, was initiated into the Kappa Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, a national women's sorority. She is a sophomore at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Venice High holds type-a-thon

Business students at Venice High School recently participated in a type-a-thon for the Leukemia Society. Mary S. Harper, business teacher, reported that students solicited donations based on how many words they typed in a five-minute period. The proceeds have been sent to the Leukemia Society of America, which provides financial assistance to leukemia victims.



Heather Votoupal

Mitchell student wins photo award

Heather Votoupal, a sixth-grade student at Mitchell School, has won first place in the photography division within the school district in the National PTA Reflections Program.

The theme of this year's competition was "Wonders of the World." Students could enter in literature, music, photography and/or visual arts. Heather elected to photograph herself with her cat, Princess. She developed the film, made the prints, selected her favorite print, and mounted the photo.

Her work titled "Wide-eyed Wonders" will be on display at the Illinois PTA convention in Chicago in April. The photograph will be entered in the state competition and will also become part of a traveling art exhibit during 1988-89.

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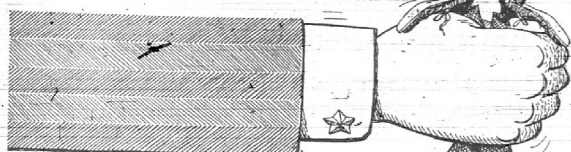
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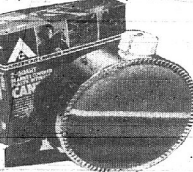
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Travel

Boston: leave your car at home

By Tom and Joanne O'Toole
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Boston is a jigsaw of crooked streets, narrow alleys and connecting lanes. Driving in the city is an exasperating and frustrating experience. The best way to explore downtown Boston is on foot.

This Massachusetts metropolis is historically rich. Visitors can follow in the footsteps of patriots by walking the famous Freedom Trail, a red brick path to historic sites in the old city. The walking tour begins at the Boston Common, and takes visitors on a roundabout route to such landmarks as the State House, the Granary Burying Ground, a number of churches and statues, the Old State House, Faneuil Hall, the Paul Revere House and the Old North Church.

The Freedom Trail continues across the Charlestown Bridge to Bunker Hill and the USS Constitution.

You can pick up information on Freedom Trail at a kiosk near the Boston Common, a large park, recreation area and melting pot in the center of the city.

Adjacent to the Common is the Boston Public Garden (founded in 1830), laced with flowers, tiny bridges, statues, more than 50 varieties of trees, and the famous swan boats that have been circling the lagoon since 1877.

For those who regret missing the original Boston Tea Party, a replica of the Brig Beaver is moored in Boston harbor. Tourists can go aboard and have a chest filled with Styrofoam, not tea) into Boston Harbor.

After sightseeing, visitors relax in Quincy Market. While meandering past numerous food stalls, they enjoy the smells of baked goods, the sights of strange and familiar food items, and the chatter of customers.

Shopping Boston

Boston has all the ingredients of an appetizing shopping experience.

Finding something typically New England is easy at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace near the docks in downtown Boston where three former warehouses feature more than 100 shops.

Copley Place is a delightful, 100-store shopping mall anchored by the only New England home of the Neiman-Marcus stores. Don't miss The Harvard Shop tucked behind an escalator on the ground floor, where Harvard sweat shirts begin at \$16.

Newbury Street, Boston's answer to Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, is great for strolling, with sidewalk cafes and excellent restaurants.

For shoppers who love department stores, a trip to Filene's basement is a bargain hunter's heaven.



THIS STATUE of Paul Revere is on the historic Freedom Trail in Boston's Old Town. The Old North Church is in the background.

Outdoor cafes serve those who would rather be waited on, while shady benches await those who want to snack while being entertained by the mimes, puppeteers and magicians.

In the evening, visitors stroll along the narrow, gas-lighted streets of Beacon Hill. The area reflects architectural elegance and grace. Walking tours are available.

If you do not feel like hoofing it around town, there are Old Town Trolleys, double-decker buses, bus tours, cruises and skyview helicopter tours.

For information on Boston and the surrounding area, write the Massachusetts State Tourist Office, 100 Cambridge St., Boston 02202. The phone number is (617) 727-3201.

A calendar of events in Massachusetts

The 16th Annual Sheep Shearing Festival is May 15 in North Andover. There will be crafts, a spinning bee, sheepdog demonstrations, fleece judging and an auction. For more information, call (617) 686-0191.

June blossoms for craft lovers. There are fairs in Deerfield and Northampton. Springfield is billing it's event as the largest craft fair in America.

Boston Harborfest '88 is June 30 through July 4. Concerts, parades, regattas, fireworks and a chowder fest are included in more than 100 events. For more information, call (617) 227-1528.

Seafood fanciers might want to check out the Mayflower Lobster Festival. There will be entertainment, including lobster races and plenty of lobster dinners. For more information, call (617) 746-1704.

If lobster is not your cup of tea, dive into the Nantucket Bay scallop chowder at the Seafest on Children's Beach in Nantucket on Sept. 10. For more information, call (617) 228-4688.

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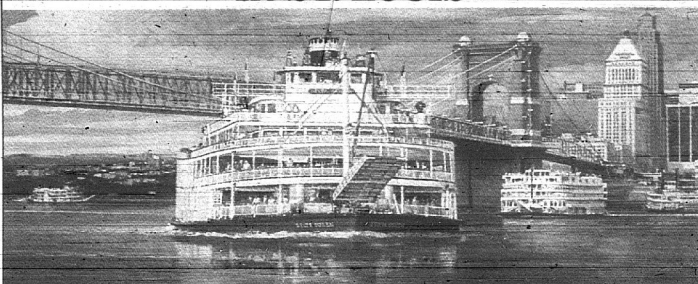
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In the March issue of "Real Estate Today," the official publication of the National Association of Realtors, author Paul G. Johnson outlines strategies for "Counseling Small Investors."

Johnson is president of Burke Hansen Inc., a real estate appraising and counseling company in Phoenix.

"Formal counseling is common in large real estate investing," Johnson writes. "It is less common, but no less vital, for small investors."

He defines a counselor as a broker, leasing agent, property manager, architect, lawyer, appraiser or other professional who advise individuals, institutions and businesses of the effect of real estate economics on their enterprises.

"For such services," Johnson writes, "counselors usually command comparatively high fees or salaries because they are successful professionals in their own right and do not participate in commissions, contingencies and profits."

Counselors justify their fees by identifying ways to increase revenues, reduce costs, minimize losses and maximize profits. "They may also provide information and analysis that investors can't provide themselves, don't have the time to collect and analyze, or don't know about," the author explains.

Johnson defines the small investor as an individual or group (partnership) of individuals with discretionary income available to invest. Such people are often well-to-do, though not necessarily wealthy. From time to time, they acquire property for their own portfolios, usually on a leveraged basis. Small investors are presumed to be able to service debt for up to one year, if absolutely neces-

Real Estate Facts

By Angela Shearer



sary, out of other income, assets or borrowing capacity.

Properties typically of interest to small investors include residential rentals, small office buildings (sometimes for owner occupancy) and speculative land.

"In many parts of the country," Johnson writes, "a residential rental can be purchased for \$75,000-\$150,000; small office buildings can be acquired for \$50-\$100 per square foot; and speculative land can be bought for \$3,000-\$20,000 per acre." Consequently, the typical leverage "small" investment is between \$100,000 and \$500,000, and the small investor's total real estate portfolio is less than \$1 million.

"Small investors usually need professional counseling the most but can afford it the least,"

Johnson maintains. They may not know such independent professional advice is available or are reluctant to commit financial resources to counseling. "As a result, the small investor typically experiences lower returns and tends to devote far more time and non-financial resources to management, maintenance and emotional involvement than is generally admitted. Such investors frequently attempt their own market research and trading but they are frustrated and unsuccessful, because they lack the necessary skills and face fierce competition from numerous other small investors," he writes.

Johnson says that before the Tax Reform Act of 1986, most small investors were predisposed to believe that tax benefits guaranteed profits. "Many still believe that; others erroneously believe there are not profits to be made in real estate investment, because the tax benefits have been greatly curtailed. Also, small investors often imagine they are smarter than the competition, when in reality, they are unfamiliar with the true

costs of real estate management and maintenance. Finally, they tend to be overly optimistic when making financial projects."

Counselors know that successful real estate investing requires an extensive knowledge and understanding of real estate markets, financial sources, holding power and when to buy, sell or refinance. Johnson advises counselors working with small real estate investors to verify all critical information on which the investor is relying. "Poor investment results," he warns, "can often be traced back to basic information and assumptions that were just plain wrong."

The author outlines practical steps that counselors can take in assisting small investors. "Successful counselors," he writes, "carefully consider the criteria on which sell or buy decisions are based. They also have some idea of how sensitive each component of return is vis-a-vis the total return. If an investment isn't meeting expectations, it

should probably be sold. But counselors have no way of knowing whether investments are meeting investor's expectations if they don't have measurable objectives before starting."

Counseling small investors is demanding and challenging. However, by recognizing their situation and the problems facing them, real estate counselors, as well as other real estate specialists, can assist them in making sound and profitable real estate decisions.

If you have questions you would like answered in this column, please write to: Angela Shearer, president, Real Estate Board of Metropolitan St. Louis, 12777 Olive Street Road, St. Louis, 63141.

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'A New Life' wages battle of sexes — again

A NEW LIFE—Alan Alda and Ann-Margret co-star with Hal Linden, Veronica Hamel, John Shea and Mary Kay Place in a romantic comedy charting the course of a couple who separate and begin coping with blind dates and new relationships. Alda directs from his original screenplay.

Rated PG-13 (language).
Harry Hamm
Except for a new hair style, it's the same old 'A New Life' (2 1/2 stars), another film that looks like it tried hard to sound like it was written by Neil Simon.

No way.
Alda plays Steve Giardino, a trader on the American Stock Exchange who worries more about stock futures than he does the future of his family. It's enough to drive his wife Jackie, played by the never-aging, always beautiful Ann-Margret, straight to the nearest woman attorney for a quick, no-contest divorce. Alda is completely overwrought when the day comes to sign off on the divorce. He becomes especially remorseful when he realizes he has given up half of his season basketball

tickets to the New York Knicks. Steve's head is in the right place.

Soon Steve and Jackie are waging the battle of single sex again with Jackie getting help from her best friend, played by Mary Kay Place, and Steve being advised on the pleasures of shallow living by his business partner, played by Hal Linden. Linden is a fine actor, but in "A New Life" he acts and sounds like he's involved in one long, successful imitation of Alan King.

The characters in all of Alda's recent film projects ("The Seduction of Joe Tynan," "The Four Seasons" and "Sweet Lib-

erty") are sitcom stereotypes. Their problems are even more fictitious than their characters. When Veronica Hamel shows up in "A New Life" as Dr. Kay Hutton, a woman whose very touch puts Alda's heart into fast-forward, the romance rings about as true as the Cubs' chance at the World Series this year.

There are a few funny lines in "A New Life," but the movie is so shallow and predictable, you could write the ending yourself after the first 25 minutes and most likely hit it right on the nose.

For that, they should pay you. Frank Hunter

Some men and women profit by their mistakes while others get married a second time.

And that's pretty much how it is in "A New Life" (3 1/2 stars), a romantic comedy with Alan Alda and Ann-Margret that takes a good-humored look at urban winners and losers in the war between men and women.

Alda wrote and directed the film and it's easy to spot his light touch in the creative department, particularly when Alda is getting himself in several messes and tossing off some wry one-liners delivered with the same nonchalance and irreverence that graced his hilarious "M*A*S*H" television episodes.

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Springsteen's sellout at The Arena a record

By Deborah Reinhardt
Staff affiliate

Sure, Bruce Springsteen's concert at The Arena April 17 was bound to sell out. But tickets disappeared in only two hours 17 minutes, that's 131 tickets per minute. Golly, how'd you do that, Mr. Wizard?

Well, Bobby, about 18,000 tickets were thrown into a pile and on Saturday morning, about 30 outlets used a lottery system to allow people with line numbers to buy up to four concert tickets.

At The Arena, about 2,500 people showed up to buy tickets and about 500 were turned away. Most of the tickets were sold through outlets, a spokesman for The Arena said.

Representatives at Contemporary Productions and The Arena said the speed of the sellout is a record.

Blow You Away
Earth, Wind, and Fire will put the elements together for a jazz show at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Fox.

Tickets for Earth, Wind, and Fire—(\$19.50 and \$21.50) are available at the Fox box office or Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets, call 632-3000.

Comedy fans have a big week in May. The Fox Theater presents Jay Leno at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Tickets (\$15.50, \$17.50). Tickets are available at

the Fox box office and Ticketmaster outlets. The charge line is 652-3000. Leno, the Bruce Springsteen of comedy, played Powell Symphony Hall last year. It's good to have him back.

Wild Whoopi Goldberg talks about "Living on the Edge of Chaos" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Fox. Goldberg gained national attention with her one-woman Broadway smash, "The Spook Show." She won a Grammy for a live recording in 1985 for that show. Goldberg has had success in film and television. Is there anything she does not succeed in?

Ticket prices will be about \$20. The show is well worth the money.

Mr. Nixon's Campaign
Enigma Records recording artists Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper will bring their wild humor and rootsy blend of rock, blues and country to Off Broadway, 3511 Lemp St., St. Louis. Tickets for the May 5 performance are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They are available at Off Broadway, Euclid Records, Vintage Vinyl and West End Wax.

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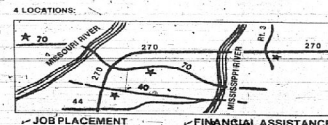


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Aroma, texture of foods help brain select appealing menu

By Janice Denham
Food editor

There is more to taste than meets the tongue.

The study of taste is difficult. Morely Kare, director of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, told members of the International Association of Cooking Professionals at their recent convention in St. Louis. One difficulty stems from the fact that people taste differently.

"Taste is not a constant. I can change your sense of taste not slightly but drastically."

"Take chicken soup, for instance. By putting you on a salt-free diet, within six weeks you would have a new threshold for salt in soup," he said.

Taste actually encompasses a spectrum of sensations, rather than the four usually considered—sweet, sour, bitter and salty.

Some areas of the mouth sense these specific tastes more intensely, even though their concentration is throughout the mouth and into the throat. There still is a single nerve system that interprets taste to the brain.

Add to this the fact that other sensations like smell and sight affect taste as well. The sum is a difficult job to assess.

The taste sensation is one factor along with temperature, texture and irritability, factors all the way down.

For instance, color of food affects taste appreciation. Blue egg yolks, blue mustard and blue milk all were disliked at the center. However, wine's best "taste" attribute is at least 90 percent smell.

"When you talk about taste of food or beverages, often you are not talking about taste at all," he said.

Low levels of irritability are offered by some of the world's favorite foods, particularly ethnic favorites like tacos, pizza and hot dogs with condiments.

The bubbles of carbonated beverages, the sting of mustard, horseradish and jalapeno pepper are desirable attributes. In fact, carbonated beverages served cold taste more bitter than when they are warm and seem sweeter. The bubbles offer a sensation of feeling.

The center studies many examples of taste. The aspects of astronauts' inability to distinguish butter-cream and chocolate flavors may have been attributable to the factor that they were sedentary, rather than able to exercise in their cramped quarters. This may have consequence for older people who are not mobile.

"If you are exercising taste or smell, it looks as if it is persisting (into older age)," Kare said.

He explained that the taste receptors are consistent from the age of 2 months up to 92 years. Taste buds restore themselves every two weeks.

What he sees as important to understanding the taste sensations of older people is that medication can affect taste dramatically.

Hypertensive drugs are common in this age group and some particularly cause this alteration. Cancer patients sometimes die of malnutrition because of an aversion to taste caused by their therapy.

A second situation common among older people is that as

many as one-third are estimated to be marginally malnourished. Decreased activity results in less appetite, but younger habits, like desserts and two martinis before dinner, may not be forsaken, leading to lower desire for nourishing foods. This often is interpreted as a lack of taste

enjoyment, said the eating scientist. Kare sees food manufacturers varying tastes in the next few years to magnify or eliminate certain sensations in the brain. For instance, there will be taste magnifications similar to monosodium glutamate with

small amounts of meat that makes it taste like meat is plentiful, or salt on grapefruit that brings out its sweet flavor. Dieters will be interested to hear there will be ingredients used to block out the taste of sweet.

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The Almond Garden Quick Bread uniquely combines the flavors of crunchy toasted almonds, cheddar cheese and a trio of garden favorites—green onions, parsley and green pepper. One bite of this savory loaf makes a

convincing case that wholesome eating and good taste can go hand-in-hand.

Almond garden quick bread

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted almonds (see note)
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (4 oz.)
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper

In large bowl, beat oil, sugar and eggs until creamy. Mix in milk.

In another bowl, combine flour, almonds, wheat germ, baking powder and salt. Stir to blend thoroughly.

Add almond mixture to oil mixture, stirring just to blend thoroughly. Fold in cheese, onions, parsley and pepper. Spoon batter into greased and floured 9-by-5 inch pan; level top. Bake in 350° oven about 50 minutes, until top is lightly browned and pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on rack 10 minutes. Turn out of pan onto rack. Wrap in foil or plastic wrap while still slightly warm. Store 24 hours before slicing.

Note: To toast almonds, spread in single layer on baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until golden brown. Cool.

Makes 10 servings; 335 calories, 10.4 gm. protein, 25 gm. carbohydrates, 22 gm. fat, 412 mg. sodium each.

Snacking goes home with pre-school crowd

By Janice Denham
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Martha Cunningham, a registered dietitian who coordinates the Nutrition Fun Day program for pre-schoolers, hopes that all their new-found knowledge about nutrition goes home with the children.

They each receive a carton of milk, an apple, some peanut butter and crackers, something from each of the four food groups, as they head back to their schools.

Here are some suggestions she passes along for lip-smacking snacking.

Banana Logs: Dip peeled banana halves in orange juice. Roll halves in chopped nuts, crushed cereal, crushed graham crackers, toasted wheat germ, coconut or bran cereal.

Funwich: Use any type of cutter to match the time of year. Cut shapes from whole grain breads.

Toast and eat or spread with a sandwich filling for a true Fun-

with. Cheese slices or chunks are good, too. Children can cut them into shapes they are learning.

C & C Carrots: Slice carrots in coin-shaped pieces. Cut celery pieces 2 to 3 inches long. Let children build cars by attaching carrot wheels to celery with toothpicks.

The cart really moves. Fill it with peanuts or raisins for extra nutrition and more fun. Ants on a Log: Stuff peanut butter in celery and top with raisins.

Italian feast gains nutrition with big taste and high fiber

High-fiber, low-fat sound like easy recommendations to remember, but hard to follow. Most Americans eat only half the daily amount of fiber recommended by the National Cancer Institute. Why? Because a general perception is that high-fiber, low-fat foods are also low in appetite appeal. This does not have to be the case.

Take, for example, Italian food. With a few simple adaptations, it is possible to create favorite Italian dishes that fit these requirements, using nutritious fiber-rich ingredients.

It is hard to resist a tempting lasagna brimming with spicy tomato sauce and a rich mixture of melted cheeses. Now take this combination, add fresh mushrooms and nutrient-rich spinach and there is Garden-Fresh Lasagna.

By using part-skim milk mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, Garden Fresh Lasagna is a dish that is surprisingly low in fat. By adding fiber-rich cereal to the ricotta cheese, the combination produces a dish that provides about one-third of the recommended daily fiber intake.

A delectable dessert, Palazzo Tart, glazes with the jewel tones of prunes and apricots, epitomizing European elegance. The tempting visual appeal of the dessert belies its healthy attributes. Prunes are one of nature's best sources of dietary fiber, and because they are deliciously rich, the low-fat crust will be hard to notice. In fact, the fat content is only 15 percent of the calories.

Garden-fresh lasagna

- 1 can (1 lb. 12 oz.) whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 tsp. chopped parsley
- 1 tsp. basil
- 1 tsp. oregano
- Pepper to taste
- 1 lb. part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 1/2 cups bran cereal
- 1/2 cup non-fat milk powder
- About 1 lb. fresh spinach or 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach
- 8 oz. lasagna, uncooked
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 3 tsp. grated parmesan cheese

Break up tomatoes in saucepan. Add tomato sauce and

paste, onion, mushrooms, garlic, parsley, basil, oregano and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes.

In small bowl, combine ricotta, 1/2 cup bran and milk, mixing to blend well.

Rinse, trim and coarsely chop spinach. Steam briefly to wilt, then dry on towel. For frozen spinach, thaw and squeeze to drain thoroughly.

Cook, then drain noodles. To assemble lasagna: Arrange one-third noodles on bottom of 13-by-9 inch baking dish. Using one-third of each, layer ricotta cheese mixture, spinach, tomato sauce and mozzarella. Repeat layering ingredients two more times, ending with mozzarella. Sprinkle top with mixture of remaining 1/2 cup bran and parmesan cheese.

Cover loosely with foil. Bake in 375° oven 30 minutes. Remove foil. Bake 5 to 10 minutes longer, until filling is bubbly and cheese is melted.

Remove from oven. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings; 370 calories, 9.5 gm. dietary fiber each.

Palazzo tart

- 12 oz. (about 2 cups) pitted prunes
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) dried apricot halves
- 1/2 cup cream sherry
- 1/2 cup frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 3 tsp. oil
- 3 tsp. honey
- 1 jar (10 oz.) sweet orange marmalade, melted

In saucepan, combine prunes, apricots, sherry, juice concentrate and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Cover. Let stand until completely cool and most of liquid has been absorbed.

In mixing bowl, combine cracker and bread crumbs, oil and honey. Mix to blend thoroughly. Press evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch fluted tart pan with removable bottom. Bake in 400° oven 10 minutes. Cool.

Brush bottom of shell with about 1/4 cup marmalade. Arrange prunes and apricots decoratively in shell. Stir any remaining juices from fruits (there should be 1 to 2 tablespoons) into remaining marmalade. Spoon evenly over fruits in tart shell.

Chill thoroughly before cutting in wedges and serving.

Yields 10 servings; 365 calories, 8.5 gm. dietary fiber each.

Bacon-wrapped bread sticks in cheese sauce

- 1 (8 oz.) jar cheese sauce
- 3 slices bacon
- 6 crisp bread sticks

Remove metal lid from glass jar. Heat on medium power (50 percent) 2 1/2 to 4 minutes, stirring after every minute, until soft throughout. Remove jar with oven mitts on pot holder.

While cheese sauce is heating, prepare bread sticks.

Cut bacon sticks in half lengthwise. Wrap bacon strip around top half of bread stick, barber pole fashion. Place 2 sheets of paper

towel on microwave-safe plate. Place wrapped bread sticks in single row on towel. Cover with additional paper towel.

Heat on high 2 to 3 1/2 minutes, just until bacon is crisp. Timing will depend upon thickness of bacon.

To serve, place jar in center of serving dish, with bacon sticks arranged in circle. Dip each stick in heated cheese sauce for appetizer or snack.

Yields 6 appetizers. Make more wrapped breadsticks as desired for rest of cheese.

Chili con queso dip

- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 2 cans (4 oz. each) diced green chilies, well drained
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely diced or crushed
- 1 tsp. oil
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) sliced process

sharp cheddar cheese, cut up
1/2 cup milk
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded, finely diced
Cook onions, chilies and garlic in oil in medium saucepan over low heat 10 minutes. Add cheese. Cook and stir until melted.

Gradually stir in milk. Worcestershire sauce and tomatoes. Cook over low heat 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Keep warm in chafing dish or fondue pot.
Serve with corn chips or vegetable relishes.
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Regular exercise required when pursuing fitness

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April signals the non-official return of warm weather along with the need for lightweight clothing. It is time to set aside heavy sweaters and all excuses made during the winter to start an active lifestyle of regular exercise and good nutrition.

The first step is to get motivated and started. The best methods are individual decisions. Here are a few suggestions:

•Set realistic short-term goals and plan a reward once goals are met. Start slowly and gradually increase behavior changes. Make sure rewards are non-food related. They could be a manicure or a facial, a new tie or an extra hour of rest.

•Write down the reasons for becoming more physically fit, such as improving health or looking great. Post the list somewhere at home to serve as a daily reminder. Add to the list as new motivations surface.

•Enlist the help of a friend with similar goals. Make a pact to work together toward desired behavior changes. It is easier to

follow through with plans when support systems are in place.

•Schedule appointments for planned activities just like a dental check-up or haircut. Mark the calendar and keep the appointments.

•Don't be fooled by fad diets, special gadgets or other gimmicks. Some work for a short time, but most fail in the long run because the necessary commitment for behavior change is lacking. No one food or activity is a cure-all. Variety is the spice of life and the key to lifelong health. A balanced diet accompanied by sensible physical activity is the best strategy for a fit body. It is also a lifestyle with which anyone can live forever.

•The American Heart Association offers a variety of free literature regarding nutrition and exercise. Call 46-HEART, or 1-800-255-9919 outside the area with specific requests. Available brochures include "Nutrition for the Fitness Challenge," "Exercise and Your Heart" and "Guide to Losing Weight." The following rice salad is a perfect make-ahead entree for busy schedules.

Oriental rice salad

- 3 cups cooked rice
 - 1 (10-oz.) pkg. frozen peas, uncooked
 - 4 scallions, sliced
 - 1 lb. chicken, cooked, cut up
 - 2 tbsp. diced green pepper
- Dressing**
- 2 tbsp. sherry
 - 1 tbsp. soy sauce
 - 1 tsp. sesame hot oil
 - 1 tsp. freshly ground ginger
 - 4 tbsp. rice vinegar
 - 3 tbsp. corn oil
 - 1 tsp. Dijon mustard

Mix rice, peas, scallions, chicken, celery and green pepper in large bowl.

Mix sherry, soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger, vinegar, corn oil and mustard in jar. Shake well. Mix dressing with rice mixture.

Spoon rice mixture into ring, serving bowl or hallowed tomato or green pepper. Cover. Marinate at least 1/2 hour.

Yields 8 servings. Each serving provides about 175 calories, 8.4 gm. fat, 198 mg. sodium and 57 mg. cholesterol, excluding tomato and green pepper.

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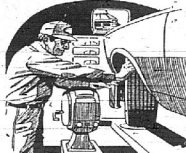
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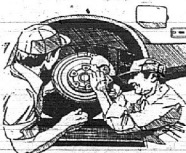
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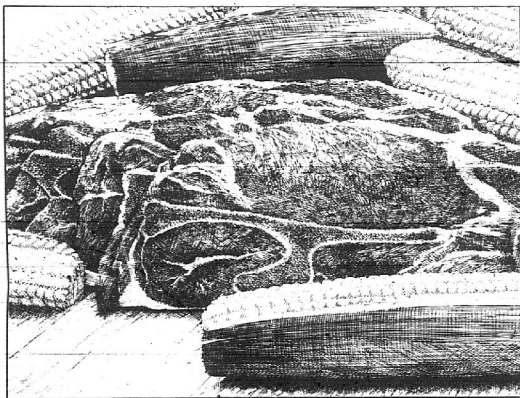
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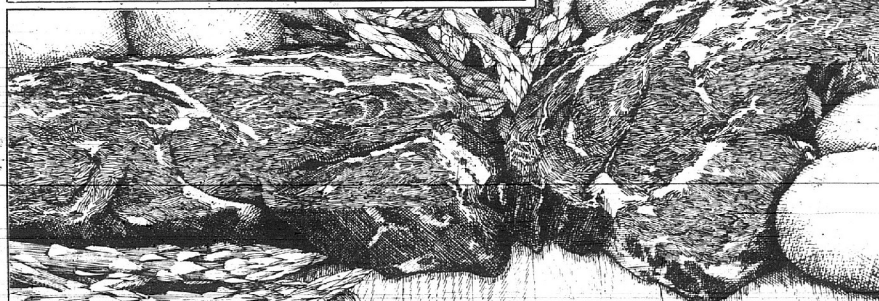
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Defense again shaky in 7-4 loss to Roxana

RETURNING SENIORS for the Warrior softball team (with coach Jim Davis, top) are Tammy LeVault (bottom), Kathy Lewis (left) and Tracy Gaudette (right). Not pictured is senior Lisa Mills.

The Warriors had only two baserunners — and no hits — through four innings before they scored twice in the fifth. But they could have had more. Joe Wallace reached on an error by Sheff at shortstop, then Wallace avoided second baseman Charlie Brown's tag on a grounder by Chris Bartling and Sheff dropped Brown's throw.

"We were overmatched," Stengeimer said. "We were sluggish with the bats all day. We hit some balls well, but we hit them in the air. Krausz was very adequate for his first start, but we didn't swing the bats and we just aren't a good defensive team right now."

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Blues/Blackhawks should produce plenty of scoring

By Jack Farmer
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Snap, pop. There is no crackle in Brett Hull's shot. One of the intangibles the Chicago Blackhawks will have to deal with in the first round of the National Hockey League playoffs is Hull's release. The Blues' rookie right winger has the wrists of a champion football player. The puck is on his stick, then it's gone. You don't see the shot very well, but, like in football, you hear the "whap" of the goal.

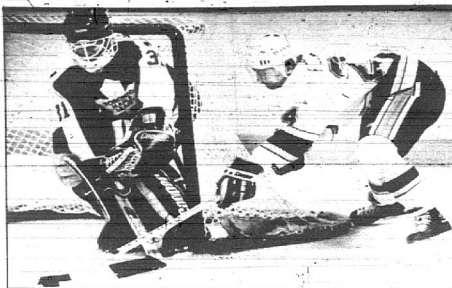
There are going to be plenty of "whaps" in the Blues-Blackhawks Norris Division best-of-seven semifinal series, which begins at 7:35 p.m. tonight at the Arena, and not just of Hull's stick. Goals are going to be scored — dump-truck loads by Norris Division standards. Sure, both teams will try the tight-checking route, but 80 games of test driving that road has hardly made the teams comfortable behind the wheel.

Neither team is strong defensively. The Blues are quick; the Blackhawks are big. Chicago gave up 34 more goals (328) than the Blues (294) this season. In this series, however, bigger might be what makes the Blackhawks better.

Since "The Trade" that brought Hull to St. Louis and sent Rob Ramage and Rick Wamsley to Calgary, the Blues' defense often has drawn the attention of scouts from the New York Rangers, giving up an average of 4.7 goals in their final 13 games — seven or more goals in four of those games.

"You wanted goals, you got 'em," Blues goaltender Greg Millen said after a 7-1 tie with Chicago on March 15 at The Arena. The Blues won the regular-season series with the Blackhawks, 4-3. As the cliché goes, however, the playoffs are a new season — everyone starts even. And the Blues never have won a playoff series from Chicago in four tries; the last coming in the 1983 division semifinals when the Blackhawks won the best-of-five affair 3-1. In the four playoffs between the two teams, the Blues have won just four games and have been outscored 73-42.

Ouch. "We've gotta be sharp," said



Hull, who had six goals and eight assists in 61 games for the Blues. "If we're not sharp, we might not win. If we can play good defense...they, we know how to score."

Good D. A lot of O. Something has to give, and it says here it's going to be the D. (Like that's really going out on a limb?) It's been that way all year.

Some other first-round factors: Masked Men: Millen is the lone Ranger, minus Tonto, but he has been standing tall all season. Apparently having given up belly surfing, Millen rarely is seen roaming from the crease these days, preferring to stay at home on his skates and battle the barrage. Many of the troops in front of him have taken up belly surfing, however, and that's the problem.

Millen has a 10-9-6 lifetime record against Chicago. He was 3-1-1 this season, beating the Blackhawks twice in Chicago Stadium. Blues coach Jacques Martin is not likely to go to backup Darrell May, although he has gotten progressively stronger in his three starts.

The Blackhawks have a good tandem in veteran Bob Mason and popular rookie Darren Pang but, like the Blues, little skill in front of them. The masked man the Blues should be most worried about is Rick Vaive. The veteran right winger wears a

complete face shield and can stick his tongue out with the best. He is sassy, but at 6-1, 200 pounds, he also can move any Blues defenseman out of the crease, a la Al Secord. He can score, too.

Crease Clearers and Board Rangers: If Chicago wants to get physical, especially in the Stadium, they could make quick jickings of the Blues. With backline beef like Behn Wilson, Gary Nylund, Bob McGill, Glen Cochran and Dave Manson, the Blackhawks' crease should have fine visibility. The Blues' crease has had free parking ever since Ramage was shipped out.

Up-front, the teams appear even physically. Blues crashers Herb Raglan and Gino Cavallini thrive on the Stadium's small corners, but will have to do as much damage in their own end as in Chicago's. If the Blues' defense collapses and can't get the puck out of their own zone, forget it.

Denis The Menace: If only kidnapping was legal. Take acrobat Denis Savard away and Chicago is crippled.

"You can't let him get away from you for more than a couple of seconds or he's gone," said Blues center Rick Meagher.

It will be up Meagher and Doug Gilmour to dull Savard's skates, or flatten his tires.

Battle for Lord Stanley's Cup could be greatest show on ice

It's not the NCAA basketball tournament in terms of national attention, but I'll take it. There's a pretty good little 16-team tournament starting tonight in eight venues: Detroit; St. Louis; Calgary; Edmonton; Uniondale, N.Y.; Landover, Md.; Montreal; and Boston.

And the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and for those wild-and-crazies who call themselves hockey fans, it's heaven — or at least Lake Heaven.

Did I say it's not like the NCAA's in terms of national attention? That depends on which nation we're talking about. The Stanley Cup Playoffs are the NCAA's, the Super Bowl, the World Series and the Kentucky Derby rolled into one in Canada.

When the Montreal Canadiens and Quebec Nordiques meet in the playoffs, entire sports sections in the French language newspapers are devoted to the series. All other sports are ignored.

The Nordiques won't be in the playoffs this year. Neither will the Minnesota North Stars, the New York Rangers, the Pittsburgh Penguins or the Vancouver Canucks. They have played the last six months to figure out those teams aren't good enough to join the National Hockey League's other 16 teams in the big dance.

The Penguins and Rangers are actually about twice as good as the Toronto Maple Leafs — who did make the playoffs. Well, the system isn't perfect, but the fun is just beginning.

The playoffs are where it's at. The intensity level goes through the roof. If there is anything more exciting than sudden-death overtime in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, I haven't seen it yet. Regular-season overtime lasts only five minutes. Often at least one team is playing for a tie.

But there are no ties in the playoffs, so both teams have to try to win. The New York Islanders and Washington Capitals played four overtime periods one night last year — in the seventh game of their series, no less. The Islanders finally won on a goal by St. Louis native Pat LaFontaine. It went until 2 a.m., but it was far from boring. Both teams had at least a dozen good



chances to win, but the goaltenders played out of their minds.

If you can stand all the Labatt's "Blue Heaven" beer commercials, you can get all the playoff action you want on ESPN. Every night there is a playoff game being played, and that will be until the end of May — ESPN will be airing a game. And they will frequently switch to other games.

For those who like to sink their teeth into the St. Louis/Chicago sports rivalry, sharpen up those incisors. The Blues and Blackhawks open their best-of-seven Norris Division semifinal series at the Arena tonight. The Blues have never beaten the Blackhawks in four previous playoff series, but that's due to end. I'll even go out on a limb and say it will happen fairly easily — in five games.

There are always a couple of first-round upsets, but how can the lowly Maple Leafs beat Jacques Demers and the Red Wings? Well, they could, but they won't.

That leaves the Blues against the Red Wings in the division finals. The Blues can't seem to win any more in Detroit, and they will have to do it at least once to win that series. The Red Wings have won in St. Louis and the Blues haven't been over-

whelmingly strong at home this year — one game over .500. The Wings won't have top scorer Steve Yzerman due to a knee injury. That helps the Blues, but it won't be enough as the Red Wings will win in six games.

In the Smythe Division, everyone in the province of Alberta is anxiously awaiting the meeting between Calgary and Edmonton. However, those teams will first have to dispose of Los Angeles and Winnipeg, respectively.

The Flames-Oilers series is so highly anticipated that it's almost inevitable one of them won't get that far. But they have to, and they are so close let's hope they play seven games and go into overtime — with Wayne Gretzky feeding Mike Krushelnyski for the Edmonton win.

In the other conference, look for the Boston Bruins to end years of frustration against the Montreal Canadiens. The Bruins have lost 18 straight playoff series to the Canadiens dating back to 1949.

The Patrick Division is so close — three teams were still battling for the final playoff spot on Sunday before the New Jersey Devils emerged — that anyone could win. Look for the Philadelphia Flyers to shake off a bad — for them — year and meet the Bruins, who will advance to the finals and face Edmonton.

And the winner is...for the fourth time in five years, Gretzky's Oilers.

You read it here first. And I'll be the first to admit I'm wrong when Krushelnyski skate wide and Joe Mullen comes down and scores for the Flames. In that case, Calgary will win it all.

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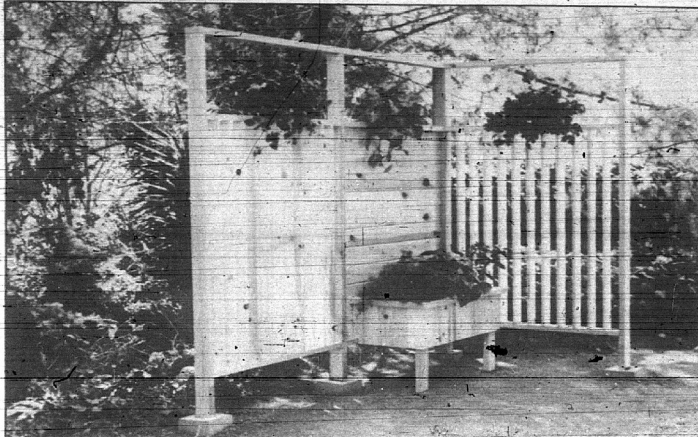
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'High-tech' no longer luxury

By Lucyann Boston
Staff affiliate

Forget the old slogan about a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage.

These days if a politician wants to get elected and plans to talk in terms of lifestyle, he needs to talk about a deck with whirlpool tubs, a house that thinks for itself, and just about any device that can make life less complicated.

At the recent Home & Garden Show at the Cervantes Convention Center, a whole bevy of modern improvements were on display and what was attracting all the attention were things that made life simpler and more fun.

Kitchens and baths still rank as the top home improvement areas, said Gary Zide, senior staff vice president of the Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis. But what people want in those areas of their homes is changing.

While the goal a few years ago was a cozy country kitchen with warm-toned wood cabinets, these days the trend is toward pale, bleached or "pickled" finishes for cabinets, colored counter tops and colored, high-tech fixtures.

Topping the high-tech kitchens was a display by a German firm, Guggenau, which featured a cooktop that combines gas and electric fixtures and includes a halogen instant-on, instant-off burner.

The politician also should promise you prosperity so you can afford all this. Price for this high-tech unit, which comes with a deep fryer and barbecue-style grill, is around \$4,700.

When it comes, baths it also won't hurt to be prosperous. Items attracting the most interest these days include anything that looks sumptuous. Cultured marble tubs and sinks, brass fixtures and tile floors are important. You can even find faucets, equipped with a solar cell, that indicate the temperature of the water they are spouting. But even more important are whirlpools in forms that range from kidney-shaped to oval to round.

"They" even come large enough to qualify as mini-swimming pools," said Zide. "There's one that could hold 20 people." Screened porches, sun rooms and decks top the list of home additions, said Zide.

"People are very desirous of the outdoors," he said, adding that high-tech looks also are making inroads on the patio. "Color is very important in outdoor furniture and there is now a fiber product that looks identical to wicker but is much more durable."

People also want what they add to their homes to be as maintenance-free and as convenient as possible, Zide said. That is why, he believes, that success is coming to firms that streamline closets and develop gimmicks, such as ironing boards that emerge from a drawer.

"People's free time is precious," Zide said. "They don't want to waste it." The ultimate in streamlined homes is the Smart House, developed by the National Association of Home Builders research division, which contains the latest developments from 43

different manufacturers. By 1990, 30 Smart Home prototypes will be on display around the country and by 1991 they will be available to the general public.

Instead of being wired on a number of different circuits, Smart House wiring will be combined in a single cable and will be able to react to a variety of different signals, Zide said. "If you're vacuuming and the door bell rings, the vacuum will turn off automatically," he explained.

The smart house also will react to voice commands. "If you left the house in a hurry and are worried you forgot to turn off an appliance, you can call home and turn it off by voice," Zide said. "You also can call home and start dinner when you leave the office."

The Smart House also can protect you in case of emergency. "If the system detects a fire not only will it call the fire department, it will tell the fire department which room the fire is in, which rooms of the house are occupied and it will automatically turn off the gas lines to the house."

Current estimates are that the technology necessary to create the Smart House will add from \$7,000 to \$8,000 to the cost of a new home. That figure, Zide believes, will not put the system out of reach of most new home shoppers.

"It seems the more expensive features are, the newer they are electronically, the more people are likely to be interested in them," he said.

Use patterns, but use them wisely

You can find patterns in countless shapes, sizes and colors, and in many different types of materials. But learning how to use pattern requires as much skill as selecting and combining textures.

Decorating with patterns used to be much easier because a person often selected one pattern and used it throughout a room. Today, skillful decorators mix and match patterns. The do-it-yourselfer must learn how to combine different patterns because too many patterns or the wrong kind can create a disorganized or busy look.

First, decide what kind of pattern—or patterns your room requires. Select a pattern in keeping with the style of the room. For example, if you are decorating a casual garden room, you could use an uphol-

stery material for seating with a floral pattern, with checks or with an abstract design.

Next, decide which one or two patterns you want to dominate the room. If you already own an Oriental rug and are decorating your living room, for example, your task is much simpler. You might let the richly patterned surface of the rug become the focal point of the room. Then you could select some secondary patterns, but ones that relate, either in color, scale or style, to save time and confusion, bring a swatch of any pattern you already have with you when shopping for other furnishings.

In some instances you may not want one or two patterns to dominate. You may want to use several subtle patterns, but ones that have a common denominator. Here is an example: Visual-

ize a bedroom with six patterns, all either in a dark-red or off-white color. Relatively bold patterns are found in the stripe wallcovering, the border and the comforter, while the other patterns in the room are much more subtle.

Always carefully choose a pattern for a specific surface, a sofa, the floor, the walls, so you take maximum advantage of the pattern and enhance the area you are decorating. You should not use, for example, a print with a large repeat on a chair that has only a small seat. Instead, you could use such a pattern for draperies or for a large seating area, like a sofa.

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Molding has unique appeal

Decorative wood molding can heighten the appeal of any room. It is also an economical, versatile, easy-to-use building product.

Wood moldings are enjoying renewed popularity as a mainstay in do-it-yourself projects for enhancing a home's appeal. The uses for decorative moldings are practically endless.

Moldings can play a vital role in giving rooms a "special" look. They can add depth and interest to walls, ceilings, doors, windows, cabinets and fireplaces. And wood moldings applications need not be limited to large-scale projects.

Moldings can provide the crowning touch to wainscoting, decorative wall panels, room dividers, planters, picture frames, trellises and even toys. There also are many practical applications. Base moldings protect walls from being damaged by mops and brooms; chair rails protect walls from being dented by carelessly-moved chairs and furniture.

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Well, the good news is they can. Those hard-to-hide radiators don't have to stick out like a sore thumb anymore, and they shouldn't stop you from redecorating the living room or remodeling the house.

It is relatively inexpensive to replace radiators with baseboard heating units or modern convectors when you have a steam or hot-water heating system, says the Better Heating-Cooling Council.

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